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David E. Janssen

Chief Administrative Officer

REQUEST FOR 30-DAY EXTENSION ON BLENDING OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING FUNCTIONS

On March 6, 2007, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, your Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the Directors of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Public Health (DPH), to report back in 30 days on: 1) working with the State regarding the current requirements of the program and any changes that would improve the Health Care Plan for Children in Foster Care program; 2) how best to blend funding streams in order to maximize federal and State reimbursement and to minimize net County costs (NCC) for Public Health Nurse (PHN) services to all children, whether in their home or outside their home; 3) how other counties fund and manage their PHN services, thus ensuring seamless service delivery regardless of a child's placement status; 4) whether a centralized point of authority, either DCFS or DPH, would maximize service efficiency; and 5) a means of tracking the impact of PHN services on improved outcomes in safety, permanency and a reduced reliance on detention.

We have held several meetings with representatives from the CAO, DCFS and DPH on how best to provide public health nursing expertise to meet the health care needs of children in both in-home and out-of-home care. However, due to the complexity of this issue, my office requests a 30-day extension to provide your Board with a comprehensive response.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information, or you may contact Brian Mahan at (213) 974-1318.

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